Tariff rates for the sale of timber.

147. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) whether any tariff rates have been fixed by the Government for the sale of teak and other varieties of timber at the Government depot;

(b) if so, what were the rates in 1103 for the different varieties of timber?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to (a), no answer is necessary.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is timber generally sold at the Government depots by private sale to contractors?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Not latterly.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Till which year was it sold so?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Last year we were selling. To anybody who came for it we used to sell it.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—These individual logs used to be valued.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Was it at the discretion of the officer to conduct the sale?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Royalty realised by Government for cutting timber.

148. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) the amount realised in 1103 by way of royalty with respect to trees cut down from registered holdings;

(b) the quantity of timber cut down in 1103 under the above head?

Mr. K. Govinda Monon.—(a) Rs. 24,283-9-10.

(b) Candies 1882-10-18-14¾ besides 68 trees sold for a lump sum.

The Diwanship of the Cochin State.

149. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) the period for which His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to appoint the present Diwan;

(b) whether the Government has received memorials praying that His Highness the Maharaja may be pleased to appoint a son of the soil in the Diwanship when the present incumbent vacates his office;

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